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SUBJECT: CORRUPTION IN THE ECUADORIAN NARCOTICS EFFORTS:
PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-LEVEL VISIT

REF: QUITO A-5

1. AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD, DURING CALL ON SENIOR ADVISER MATHEA FALCO (S/NM), HAS URGED THAT SHE VISIT ECUADOR TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS INITIATIVES AND TO RELAY DIRECTLY TO THE RULING TRIUMVIRATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE USG'S CONCERN OVER CORRUPTION IN THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AREA. THE MEETINGS UNDERSCORE THE HIGH PRIORITY OF THE NARCOTICS ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE FELT THE VISIT SHOULD BE MADE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE HIS INITIATIVES ARE STILL FRESH IN THE GOE OFFICIAL MINDS. IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE TO THE GOE THAT THE US IS UNIFIED IN ITS PERCEPTION OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AS A PRIMARY BILATERAL

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ISSUE, THIS MISSION WILL BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY MATHEA FALCO AND ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD ARELLANO.

2. THE UPCOMING UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND A SERIES OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS MAKE THE PERIOD OF MARCH 13-15 THE EARLIEST AVAILABLE FOR THE QUITO VISIT.

3. REQUEST MISSION CONCURRENCE FOR VISIT. WE WILL DRAW
ON EXCELLENT REPAIR IN PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT.
NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY
TO PROVIDE BY CABLE A LIST OF TALKING POINTS AND ITS
VIEWS ON SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS TO BE ARRANGED.

4. FOR BOGOTA: MS. FALCO AND MR. ARELLANO WILL MAKE
BRIEF OVERNIGHT STOP IN BOGOTA AND WILL MAKE THEMSELVES
AVAILABLE FOR ANY MEETINGS AMBASSADOR BELIEVES USEFUL. VANCE

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